

# Future Forum on Adult Education

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A Central European Network on Adult Education

## General Objective

The Future Forum on Adult Education wants to create opportunities for exchange, dialogue and co-operation between Adult Educators from different countries of Central Europe. The network is open to all organisations and individuals interested in the topic of lifelong learning and adult education and learning.

## Why the Future Forum Network?

The experience of the last few decades has convinced us that the youth and adult education community of the countries in the heart of Europe have a lot in common; an outstanding, long tradition of institutions, approaches and innovations is our common heritage. In many countries, the structures, the framework and also the challenges are similar. This includes the presence of community-based adult learning centres, the existence of legal regulations in most of the countries and the consciousness of youth and adult education as a public good, limited not only to vocational training.

Against this backdrop, the need for a reliable network has become obvious. Needless to say, the Future Forum has no strict boundaries, neither in terms of countries or regions nor of institutions. Representatives from all of Europe and beyond are invited to share their views and expertise with us.

## What does the Future Forum offer?

The Future Forum mainly offers space and opportunities: The well-established format of the Annual Future Forum Conference provides the opportunity for an open and result-oriented dialogue between professionals working in adult

education, education planners and researchers. It is a unique opportunity to exchange ideas and information on the latest developments in Europe and beyond as well as to share experiences and enforce the position of the adult education actors toward national and European authorities. The conference takes place in different countries and locations and is organised as a creative space for exchange using innovative methods of adult learning and education.

In addition, it is planned to offer other formats to foster exchange, including common projects, publications, a database and the use of social media.

Who is the Future Forum?

Initiated by the Association of Austrian Adult Education Centres (VÖV), the Future Forum is a network bringing together the expertise of adult education associations from Denmark, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Italy (South Tyrol), Slovakia and Slovenia. The European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) is a partner.

The main body of coordination is the International Advisory Board, which meets regularly.

Slovenian Institute for Adult Education

Danish Adult Education Association

Institut für Internationale Zusammenarbeit des Deutschen Volkshochschul-Verbandes (dvv international)

European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA)

Magyar Népfőiskolai Társaság

Verband der Volkshochschulen Südtirols

Learn for Life, Dutch Platform for International Adult Education

Agentur für Erwachsenen- und Weiterbildung

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